

MCJLAC MEETING

June 13, 2016

Willits High School

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order by Paul @ 7:09
- II. Roll call of Voting Members- Please sign in
- III. Approval of May's Minutes- Megan moved to approved, Cory B. 2nd: Motion Passed
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Current Balance May 2016: \$97,097.41
 - i. Expenditures: Ear Tags \$921.91 Turkey Cages \$1,696.19
 - ii. The large check for the sheep panels, hog loading chute and 6 swine run gates was written recently and will show in the balance next month.
 1. Jennifer and Paul made the executive decision to spend a couple extra thousand to be galvanized so we do not have to paint them anymore.
 - b. Outstanding money owed MCJLAC May 2016: None
- V. Old Business
 - a. Loading Chute Update: Everything from Ketchum's will be delivered around July 20th. The beef loading chute is at the Farm Supply and we need to have it moved from there to the fairgrounds. Paul is going to negotiate the invoice because it's different than what was planned.
 - b. Perpetual Turkey Trophy – Update
 - i. Still working on it. The usual place can do the base but not the actual turkey. Terri Gowan will talk with someone to see if they can do the turkey.
 - c. Raised Platform for Auction – Update
 - i. Paul talked with Jim Brown and they are in agreement that it will be easier to project the auction ring instead of raising the platform. We need to find someone who can work on doing a live feed.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Hand out Chicken and Turkey Bands, Rabbit Tattoo numbers
 - i. Available for pick up for all the clubs. Each form has numbers typed of each pen/bird so you only have to add the corresponding numbers when you get to the fair.
 - ii. There were issues with some goat exhibitor names and weights. Paul will make the changes.
 - iii. Kelley asked why the tags were different. Paul explained that they were tamper proof. She also they were harder to tag this year.
 - iv. Also, it was discussed about the number of heavy hogs. Paul urged that leaders/advisors be very aware of hog weights as we get closer to fair.
 - b. Sheep & Goat Scale Replacement

- i. Paul said that each year it costs more and more to repair the scale. He said this year it needs another \$1,000 this year. He has looked at two types of scales, one is a more expensive Paul Scale (\$4800) and a less expensive (\$1800).
- ii. Paul talked about how we need to maybe find a new location to help protect it.
- iii. Travis Whitcomb asked about potentially have the lambs, goats and hogs all weigh on the same scale. Unfortunately everyone said that isn't a possibility because they weigh at the same time.
- iv. It was mentioned that a vote isn't necessary because Jennifer is determined that a scale will be bought regardless. Everyone wondered why we have meetings and discuss these items if votes to spend money aren't necessary.
- v. It was mentioned that we as a committee have a responsibility to monitor the funds in our account. The committee asked how low the fund can go without us being notified. It was also mentioned that in the bylaws we should have a maximum amount that can be spent without committee approval.
- vi. April Simmons asked why there would be opposition to purchasing the scale. The committee members said they aren't opposed, but would like the finances to be monitored more closely.
- vii. Susan also said she believes we need a scale, but there should be some checks and balances to make sure that there isn't spending money without approval.
- viii. Michael Braught said Geiger's Long Valley Market would like to donate the scale. The committee would like to see a "sponsored by" sticker to recognize the purchaser.
- c. Grand & Reserve Gift Sponsors
 - i. We are no longer buying flower blankets. But now we are giving plaque/awards to the buyers. Payable to MCJLAC
 1. Beef Grand & Res: Donahoo Inc. Donahoo Inc. (12300 Powerhouse Rd. PV)
 2. Goats: Grand & Res: Rockin B Boer Goats (Shanna)
 3. Poultry Pens: Grand: Anderson Valley FFA & Res: Fort Bragg 4-H
 4. Rabbit: Grand & Res: Terri Gowan
 5. Sheep Grand: Tunzi Ranch & Res: Willits 4-H
 6. Swine Grand: Schrage Swine Farms & Res: Kenzie Wattenburger (PAID)
 7. Turkey Grand & Res: Potter Valley 4-H

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Champions / Buyers Pictures Committee: Waiting on Maureen to approve, but they are looking to weigh hogs right after weigh-in. Approximately 8-11am. Beef will be before they show on Thursday. ***For hogs, each club and chapter needs to have 2 adults to help.***
- b. Scholarship Committee: None
- c. Awards Committee: None- but many have heard that she's been busy getting cool awards.
 - i. Sheryn asked about one of the back rooms of Willow Tree stage and if we could use one to store banners and leftover awards?
- d. BBQ Committee

- i. Each club and chapter is required to have 2 centerpieces. Pictures are always encouraged. Megan S asked if they need more than 2, Sheryn encouraged more, 2 is just the minimum.
 - ii. Sheryn asked if anyone knew anyone who could play instruments that could play. Corey B will check with his contacts.
- e. REF CEO Report: None

VIII. Announcements

- a. It was brought up to potentially have our orientation on Tuesday night after load in.
- b. Sheryn is doing an Ethics Training (not the state approved one) on Thursday 6/16 at 6pm at her office.
- c. Kelley asked why we don't have our fair in the spring, at the spring fair time? Paul said for breeding the animals, it's more of a struggle. Becky mentioned that in the past that it was relying the carnival dates. It was mentioned that it would be difficult to take kids out of school. Many people still felt we should consider it and look deeper into the idea.
- d. There was a question of clarification about posting the ultrasound results. Paul said Jennifer said no one came forward with a legitimate reason why they shouldn't. Many people on the committee disagreed as they wrote in about not posting.
- e. Sheryn asked about moving to Marin Sun Farms. Paul said he'd done some research and Marin Sun Farms is twice as much money.
- f. Susan announced the Jane Amundson Scholarship and her Swine Field Day is June 25th (Wes Barone will be judging).
- g. REMINDER: Do not tattoo Market Rabbits!!!**
- h. Haven't had a July meeting in a few years, so we aren't planning for one.

Motion to Adjourn by Terri Gowan, 2nd Kelley.

- i. Next meeting: October 10, 2016 7:00 p.m. at Willits High School